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Evaluation of organic fungicides for control of eastern filbert blight, 2010 - 2011.

Healthy appearing two-year-old 'Ennis' hazelnut trees were planted on 21 Jan 10 to 3 Feb 10 at the Botany and Plant Pathology Field Laboratory, Corvallis, OR. Limbs with EFB cankers were cut from a heavily diseased 'Ennis' orchard near Keizer, OR from 30 Nov 09 to 4 Dec 09. A total of 400 cankered limbs were placed above test trees on chicken wire, supported by a 6 wire horizontal trellis, on 23 Feb 10 and 2 Mar 10. Treatments were arranged in a randomized complete block design. Each treatment consisted of 6 single tree replicates. Fungicides were applied to trees from two directions until runoff using a Solo-Pump-Style backpack sprayer. Approximately 0.2 gal of a spray suspension was used per 6 trees within each treatment. Fungicide treatments were applied on 10 Mar 10 (bud break), 23 Mar 10, 4 Apr 10, and 19 Apr 10 for a total of 4 applications. Sucker shoots were sprayed using Rely (60 oz/A) on 14 May 10 and 9 Jul 10. Rely (60 oz/A) and Roundup (120 oz/A) plus surfactant was applied to control weeds between trees on 23 Apr 10 and 31 Aug 10. Rely (60 oz/A) and Maddog plus surfactant was applied to control weeds between trees on 6 May 10 and 26 Jul 10. Preen (6 lb/1,000 sq ft, with fertilizer 9-17-9) was used on 30 Apr 10. Trees were fertilized with 29-5-5 at a rate of 1 lb/8 trees on 19 Jul 10. Supplemental irrigation was provided as needed during the 2010 growing season. The number of EFB cankers on the main tree trunk and total length of these cankers/tree was determined on 22 and 23Aug 11.

The number of cankers on trees treated with only Serenade or Serenade plus Nu-film-P was not significantly different from nontreated trees. Trees treated with copper-based products (Nu-Cop or Kocide) had significantly fewer cankers than nontreated trees. No phytotoxicity was observed on any of the fungicide treated trees. Serenade is not recommended for organic management of eastern filbert blight at this time.

Treatment and	Ave Number of			Total Canker	
Rate/100 gal water	Cankers/Tree*		Length/Tree*		
			(cm)		
Nontreated	4.8	a	170.0	a	
Nu-Cop 50 DF at 12 lb	1.7	b	52.3	b	
Serenade MAX at 2 lb	5.3	a	172.8	a	
Serenade MAX at 2 lb plus					
Nu-film–P at 6 fl oz	5.3	a	171.2	a	
Serenade MAX at 4 lb	7.3	a	217.3	a	
Serenade MAX at 4 lb plus					
Nu-film–P at 6 fl oz	7.6	a	207.2	a	
Serenade MAX at 4 lb plus					
Nu-film–P at 6 fl oz plus					
Nu-Cop 50 DF at 6 lb	0.5	b	10.7	b	
Kocide 3000 at 5 lb	1.7	b	37.0	b	

^{*} Analysis of variance is based on log10 (x+1) transformation. Means followed by the same letter do not differ significantly based on Fisher's protected LSD (P=0.05).